

## Float Competition Rules of Entry 2009 Millersville Community Parade

1. All float entries should be built on a pick-up truck bed, farm wagon, flat bed truck or any other trailer deemed acceptable by the judges, but in no case smaller than a pick-up truck bed. The entry cannot be higher than 18 feet, measured upward from ground level. All floats must be completed. Unfinished floats may be penalized.
2. All float entries will receive a number prior to parade day. The entry number must be displayed in six-inch (6") high numerals, plainly visible, on both sides of the float.
3. All floats must be at the Penn Manor High School Float Staging location by **7:30 A.M.** on parade day. This is where the judging will take place.
4. All floats must be able to travel the entire parade route and may not, in any case, cause slowing or otherwise delay the parade movement. The entering party will be responsible for transporting the float to and from the parade in accordance with proper highway and safety codes.
5. The number of awards to be presented in each float category is contingent upon the number of entries. Winners of the best overall entry and best depiction of parade theme in each division will receive a cash award. **All awards will be mailed following the parade.**
6. Judging
  - a) There will be three judges.
  - b) Judging will be based on four areas of emphasis:
    1. Overall Appearance
    2. Depiction of Parade Theme
    3. Originality
    4. Utilization of Materials
  - c) Every judge will award floats up to 25 points for each of the four areas of emphasis in the judging criteria. The highest score possible for any float will be 300 points, or 100 points from each judge.
  - d) During tabulation the judges shall deduct from the cumulative score of any float 20 points for each of the following violations:
    1. Improper display of entry number
    2. Inappropriate and / or offensive behavior, attire or float decorations
  - e) Judges will make their decisions and award prize ribbons. If possible, the winners will be announced as they pass the grand stand during the parade. All decisions by the judges will be final.
7. The float competition will be held rain or shine. All floats should report to the float staging area **by 7:30 A.M.** at Penn Manor High School.
8. Floats must be electric or fuel driven and must have brakes and steering.

**Please share all respective information with all participants (and parents, where necessary). It is strongly suggested that groups use car pools to help alleviate traffic congestion. A special shuttle bus service (yellow school buses) is provided from the rear of the Student Memorial Center to Penn Manor High School on parade day. \* No parking in staging area or parade route. Cars/vehicles may be towed or ticketed.**

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